



# ALL ABOUT BIG-RIGS

## Nearly Everything You Eat, Wear, and Use Was Carried by a Truck

Trucks haul more freight and travel more miles than any other mode of commercial transportation. In fact, 77 percent of America's towns depend solely on trucks for their goods and services. If all commercial trucks stopped running today, it is estimated that America would come to a complete standstill in less than five days.

### Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs)

- More than 6.3 million trucks cleared Utah ports of entry last year.
- Over 37,000 safety inspections on CMVs were completed by the UDOT Motor Carrier Division.
- The truck speed limit is the same as the passenger vehicles unless otherwise posted.
- Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating over 12,000 lbs. may not be operated in the left lane of the freeway where posted. This restriction applies to ALL vehicles, commercial or non-commercial.

### Legal Size Vehicle Dimensions

- Height: 8'6" wide, 14' high (measured from level ground to top of load or vehicle)
- Weight: 80,000 lbs. gross weight
- Length: Lengths vary from 45' for a single motor vehicle to 65' for a truck-trailer combination

65 feet maximum overall length limit



14 feet maximum height limit



### CMV Drivers

- Must be at least 18 years old when engaged in Utah transportation, or 21 years old if hauling hazardous materials; and must be at least 21 years old when engaged in interstate transportation.
- Must obtain a commercial drivers license (CDL) for hauling loads over 26,000 lbs. GVW.
- Carry a medical certificate.
- Are required to participate in a controlled substance and alcohol-testing program when hauling loads over 26,000 lbs. GVW.
- Cannot drive more than 11 cumulative hours following 10 consecutive hours off duty.



### Drive to Stay Alive, 365

The sister campaign to Truck Smart targets CMV drivers, reminding them to slow down, buckle up, and stay alert.

### More Information

For more information about Utah CMV qualifications, rules and regulations, visit [utahmc.com/trucking\\_guide](http://utahmc.com/trucking_guide).